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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

CHICAGO FILE NO. A-61247

REPORT NUMBER	DATE	PERIOD COVERED
CHICAGO, ILL.	4-30-30	4-9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 1930
		CHARACTER OF CASE
		RALPH J. CARONE - Alias: JAMES CAROLE; JAMES COSTELLO AND CARSON JAMES COSTELLO, JR.; HARRY ROBERTS; MARY REA; DR. COSTELLO; "BOTTLENECK" CAPONE --
		CONSPIRACY TO TAMPER WITH JURY

SUMMARY OF FACTS

Office, United States Attorney, Chicago, requested observations be made of Subject Rea, suspected of attempting to tamper with Jury in Criminal Trial of Subject Capone. No improper acts nor irregularities observed. Case resulted in conviction of Capone.

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DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Pursuant to request emanating from the Office of the United States Attorney, Chicago, with explanation that the Intelligence Unit of the Internal Revenue Department anticipated interference with the Jury, S.A.C. Connelley, on 4/9/30, assigned Author to observe activities, especially with regard to Subject Rea, suspected of conspiring to tamper with the Jury in the Criminal Case against Subject Capone, who was on trial in Judge Wilkerson's Court, Chicago, for criminally attempting to defraud the United States out of Income Taxes. S.A.C. Connelley had ascertained from Chicago Police Detective Captain Schumacher that Subject Rea had the reputation of "jury fixer," although it had never been definitely established he had committed such an offense. Rea is listed in the Chicago City Directory as an Investigator, residing at 4850 Quincy Street; while in the Chicago Telephone Directory his residence is listed as 5806 West Washington, phone Columbus 9468.

Subject Rea was pointed out to Agents and Rea's activities within and without the Court Room were closely observed, it appearing manifestly that Rea was especially interested in the identity of the several Jurors or otherwise.

Upon adjournment of Court on 4/9/30, likewise each date to and including 4/21/30, until Court reconvened on each of the following days, the Jury was in the care of the Bailiff continuously, with the exception of weekends, during which time the Jury was in the custody of the Sheriff.

APPROVED AND
FORWARDED

M. H. Suris Acting 51-207-1

COMING OFF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:

1. Bureau
2. Chicago (U.S. Atty. Chicago)

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the Jury was at large.

Beginning with the convening of Court on the morning of 4/10/30, Special Agent L. C. Taylor was assigned to assist in this matter, his activities being within the Court Room, while those of Author were in the corridors and about the building generally, with especial reference to Subject Rea. This double observation continued daily until 4/18/30, and in addition, on two certain occasions Special Agents M. T. Little and W. M. Bladstein took Subject Rea under surveillance upon leaving the Federal Building.

During the early stages of these observations, Subject Rea manifested noticeable interest in the individual jurors, but within about three days, he became fully conscious of the Agent's continued presence and conservatism due to the fact that no attempt was made to conceal same for the purpose of drawing attention away from Special Agent Taylor.

After Subject Rea, as well as Subject Capone, became aware of the fact that they were being observed, no conversation or suspicious acts transpired which would indicate any improper action or attitude in a possible attempt to tamper with the Jury.

During the last several days of the trial, observance was casual and intermittent, with the same conclusion. It seemed most evident that Subject Rea, after becoming aware that he was under surveillance, assumed the attitude of one interested in the defense for the purpose of serving defense counsel in such way as desired.

At all times S.A.C. Connelley was familiarized with activities and results, and the final outcome of the case was that the Jury found Capone guilty. Thereupon, S.A.C. Connelley instructed that report be made closing the case.

Descriptions of Subjects are as follows:

RALPH J. CAPONE - Aliases: JAMES O'NROLL; JAMES CARTER; JAMES CARSON; JAMES COSTELLO, JR.; HARRY ROBERTS; HARRY WHITE; MR. COOTIE; "BOOTHIES" CAPONE

Age:	36 years (1930)
Height:	5 ft. 11 in.
Weight:	240 lbs.
Build:	Robust - somewhat portly
Complexion:	Dark
Face:	Very full - rather goodlooking
Hair:	Black - curly
Eyes:	Dark brown
Beard:	Smooth
Nationality:	Italian
Occupation:	Pocketeer, Gambler, and Hoodlum
Marital Status:	Married twice, divorced from first wife, and reported daughter divorced by present wife. Has 14-year old son, with grandmother at 7244 Prairie Avenue, Chicago.

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Residence:

7244 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,
and Parkview Apts., 36th Place and 54th
Court, Chicago, under name J. J. Carroll
and with Peggy Lunde.

Newspaper likeness in file.

Chicago Police No. 1275

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CHARLES J. REA

Age:

About 60 years

Height:

About 5 ft.

Weight:

About 190 lbs.

Bust:

Angular

Complexion:

Fair (Pale)

Face:

Heavy

Head bald with the exception of fringe around sides
and back, and small clump of hair center forehead.

Hair:

Light brown, considerably gray

Glasses:

Wears rimless nose glasses, chain over
right ear.

Eyes:

Blue-grey

Beard:

Smooth

Occupation:

Investigator

Residence:

Chicago, Ill.

Carriage:

Walks with awkward stride.

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